THE 'STITCH AND CHATTER' club is getting ready for their annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held on December 5 and 6 at the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church. The bazaar will open on Friday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. and remain open until 9 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 6, the bazaar will open at 9 a.m. and be open until noon. 'Stitch and Chatter' is composed of women of the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church who meet regularly for Bible Study, a covered dish luncheon and a period of handcraft. Proceeds from the sale of items at the bazaar are used for church improvement only. Mrs. Ethel Evans and all the 'Stitch and Chatter' members invite you to Christmas shop at the bazaar. You'll find gifts of distinction for the home and for every family member, decorations for the home and tree and delicious baked goods."

UDC to write histories

Editor:

The Virginia Division United Daughters of the Confederacy is beginning a long overdue project. That project will be the writing of the Regimental Histories of all of Virginia's regiments that fought in the war. "Love Makes Memory Eternal" but as the events of the War Between the States move deeper into the past, those memories are fading and slipping from focus. Each year as we meet we see that death has thinned our ranks. So many of our Daughters and especially our real Daughters are no longer with us. With their passing is oftentimes gone forever those precious memories and fond recollections that they held so dear. I am sure that the same is true with other sources of information as well. It is imperative that we begin to assemble all possible information on Virginia's soldiers so that it can be preserved forever in print.

The writing of all of the Virginia Regimental Histories is indeed an awesome undertaking. There were approximately 90 Virginia Regiments and Batteries that served in Virginia's defense and over 100,000 of Virginia's Sons answered her call to war. But if we carry into this project only one hundredth part of the determination and zeal displayed by Virginia's Sons of hundreds of battlefields, then this project will be insured success.

We are very excited about the historians who have already consented to give their aid and direction in the actual writing of these histories. Dr. James I. Robertson of VPI and SU, and Mr. Robert Krick, chief historian at Fredericksburg National Historical Park, two of the foremost War Between the States historians in the country, have agreed to prepare two of the initial histories. It is hoped that by the summer of 1981 we will have six regimental histories in print.

In undertaking a project of this scope and magnitude, it is obvious that the Virginia Daughters need help and support from all who had ancestors who fought with Virginia units. At this time we are making an urgent appeal for anyone of Virginia ancestry to please send us a list of the following: Veterans full name, unit, date of birth, date of death, place of death, letters, diaries, photographs, etc., that he may have. Please send this listing and your address to: Harold E. Howard, 808 Sanhill Drive, Lynchburg, Va. 24502 or Mrs. Cliff Plunkett, P. O. Box 401, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Frank Silek, President
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New covenant, new Jerusalem

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
A New Covenant and a New Jerusalem
Lesson for November 30, 1980
Scripture References: Revelation 11:15-19;21
Focal Passages: Revelation 11:15-19; 21:10-14
INTRODUCTION

Our study of the covenant brings us to the final book in the New Testament, namely, the Revelation. The Revelation was written during a time of intense crisis for the early Christians. Although the Revelation was written to describe "last things," it was also written to encourage the early Christians who were subjected to cruel persecution of the Roman Empire. Things looked dark for the future of the church. The long awaited kingdom had not come to fruition, the blessing for all nations seemed a remote possibility and the promises of God appeared hollow. In the midst of such depressing times. God spoke again through his spokesman, John. The vision John saw became a bright ray of hope that stimulated the people's confidence in God.

The Power of God's Authority [Rev. 11:15-19]

The horror and evil we witness in our modern world causes one to question at times whether God really is control. We live in a hazardous world where children become sick, people die in auto accidents, and war is always a possible issue.

The message of the Revelation is this, namely, that God will untimately be victorious over the evil and negative forces. The good news-the refreshing news-is that the political rules of people must eventually and ultimately step aside for the eternal rule of God. Christ is the final authority and the one to whom "every knee shall bow."

We must remember that the Revelation is written with the use of symbols and figurative language. Its number system is not meant to be interpreted literally, nor are its symbols to be seen as fact. We must remember that John wrote in ways that only the early Christians could readily understand. John disguised his writing to fool the Roman authorities.

In verses 16-17 we see the twenty-four elders who are "clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold." The number twenty-four could represent the twelve tribes and the twelve apostles or all of God's people who adore him in worship.

In their praise they describe God in both past and present terms, perhaps alluding to the Old and New Covenants. Nevertheless, their worship celebrates the God of the past and the God of the present.

Christians are encouraged to worship God as "Him who was, is, and shall come." Our God is a God of the past, the present, and ever coming in the future.

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We know about promises. When someone makes a promise to us, their promise becomes for us a source of hope. When a parent promises their child a trip to the circus, the child hears the promise as a fulfillment of his hopes. God is like a good daddy who will bring the hopes of his people to glorious realization.

God's Great Covenant Fulfilled [Rev. 21:10-14]

This particular passage has been used in many a funeral as a source of inspiration and hope. The Revelation is a description of the new garden over against the old one that has been contaminated and marred by sin. The appearance of a celestial city free of evil and pain is the ultimate hope for earthly pilgrims.

The city of Jerusalem means many things to many people. The Jewish community looks upon Jerusalem as center of government and faith. The Christian community sees Jerusalem as the arena where Jesus waged his battle for life and where the early church had its beginnings.

In the end the New Jerusalem is become the city for all peoples, both Jew and Gentile.

The church, too, takes on a new image in the unfolding drama of God's revelation to John. The church had likewise seen its days of evil and intense persecution. Now, in God's new creation, the church is seen a splendid city of jewels. So great is this splendid city that one looks at it with wonder and awe!

The glorious future church has the appearance of an open community in which all are free to enter. If this is what the future condition of the church is like then we should strive for the church of today to at least faintly resemble the way it is in heaven.

The Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois. (WLYP)

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The pastor speaks

Two cures for woes

By REV. DAN W. MENSER
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"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have PEACE. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of GOOD CHEER. I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

These are days when we are liable to become discouraged. In such a state we lose confidence in ourselves and in others and God seems far off. We need to hear Jesus' message of encouragement, "BE OF GOOD CHEER." Our mood of depression may be due to thinking too much about ourselves and the conditions in the world today. It has been said, "When the outlook is dark, try the uplook."

In the Bible, we find two cures for discouragement. FIRST, we are to lift our thoughts and prayers toward God. We will gain faith in His wisdom, power, and purpose. This is the victory which gives us the power to overcome the world and all its evil forces. When we open our hearts to God's Son, He brings us cheer amid our doubts and discouragements. We realize that after His apparent defeat on the cross, He won a glorious victory on Easter Day.

The SECOND, cure is in finding something worthwhile to do. When Paul was discouraged in his call in Jerusalem, God said, "BE OF GOOD CHEER," and sent him to Rome for a new mission. In the upper room Jesus told His disciples to be of good cheer because He had overcome the world, and then sent them forth to win new victories for Him in the world. Our faith in Christ who conquered sin, death, and all the evil forces of the world gives us the victory over the world. Abiding in Christ gives us life, joy, and peace. As a result we become people of GOOD CHEER.

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Mrs. William Anthony Martin

Miss McCracken weds Mr. Martin

The marriage of Lisa Kay McCracken to William Anthony Martin took place Saturday afternoon, November 15, at 2 o'clock at Liberty Chapel Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. McCracken of Appomattox and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Martin also of Appomattox.

Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. James N. Williams, pastor of the church.

The church was decorated with arrangements of magnolia, palms, and spider mums.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Russell Leftwich, organist, and Miss Renee Williams, soloist.

The bride, escorted and given in marriage by her father, wore a gown designed of silk organza and Venice lace trimmed in seed pearls with a full floor length skirt ending in a chapel train. The veil of silk illusion had motifs of lace and seed pearls.

The bride carried a silk cascading bouquet of red rosebuds and baby's breath.

Susan Hardin, of Fairfax, was her sister's matron of honor. Attendants were Mrs. George Lane, sister of the bride, Miss Dawn Tyler, niece of the bride, both of Ranson, West Virginia; and Miss Tammy Martin, sister of the bridegroom, of Appomattox. Their dresses were quiana with empire waistline and carried a bouquet of carnations of fall colors.

Mr. Martin was best man for his son and ushers were John B. McCracken, Jr., brother of the bride of Fairfax; Thurman Wilcox, uncle of the bridegroom; and Mark Pierce, both of Appomattox.

David McCracken, brother of the bride and James Tyler, nephew of the bride, were acolytes.

Miss Stephanie Lane, niece of the bride was flower girl. Matthew McCracken, nephew of the bride was ring bearer.

Immediately following the ceremony the parents of the bride entertained with a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride is a student at Appomattox High School.

The bridegroom was graduated from Appomattox High School and is employed by Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox.

After a wedding trip to Williamsburg the couple will make their home in Appomattox.

Mrs. Vernon Lee Herrion

Miss Snead is wed to Mr. Herrion

Sharon Kay Snead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Snead of Charlottesville was married Nov. 22 to Vernon Lee Herrion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Herrion also of Charlottesville.

Given in marrige by her parents and escorted by her father the bride wore a formal gown trimmed in lace. The veil was also trimmed in lace and accented with seed pearls.

Alma Herrion was maid of honor and bridesmaid was Karen Snead.

Joe Morris was best man and usher was Rodney Snead.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer J. Burks of Gladstone.

The couple will reside in Charlottesville.

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Mrs. James Matthew Harrup, Jr.

Miss Lee weds Mr. Harrup

The marriage of Miss Melinda Diana Lee to James Matthew Harrup, Jr., took place on Friday evening, Nov. 21, 1980, at 8:00 p.m. in College Hill Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia.

The Rev. Wayne Woodard, pastor of Union Baptist Church of Dillwyn, Virginia, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. D. Lee of Appomattox, Virginia. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. James Matthew Harrup, Sr. and the late Mr. Harrup of Dillwyn, Virginia.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white satin and tulle. The full overskirt and chapel train fell from an empire bodice of satin covered with tulle and lace. The train was bordered with lace applique. The sleeveless bodice featured a jewel neckline with attached tulle capelet. The mantilla of illusion was bordered with the matching lace applique. She wore a necklace of pearls and carried a cascade of silk roses, orchids, stephonitis and babies breath in shades of wine, dusky pink and ivory.

Miss Phyllis Latchford of Lynchburg was maid-of-honor. The attendants were Mrs. James Scott Etherington of Lynchburg, sister of the bride; Mrs. Bobbie Harper of Dillwyn, sister of the groom; Mrs. James Newton Lee of Lynchburg, sister in law of the bride; and Miss Karin Budgins of Lynchburg.

The maid of honor and attendants wore identical floor length gowns of crepe-back satin of cranberry color. Their full skirts fell from empire sleeveless waists and were trimmed with capelets of pale orchid printed with floral sprays of cranberry. They each carried a lighted candle within a crystal brandy snifter with an attached cascade of wine and dusty pink silk roses.

James R. Ford, Jr., of Appomattox was best man. Ushers were Edward E. Harrup, of Concord, and James E. Mawyer of Appomattox, brothers of the groom; James N. Lee of Lynchburg, brother of the bride; and J. Thomas Ford of Appomattox.

The mother of the bride wore a floor length dress of beige crepe with a long sleeve matching beige lace jacket. The mother of the groom wore a floor length gown of leaf green knit with empire waist and long sleeves. They each wore orchid corsages of silk flowers in colors to compliment their gowns.

A program of wedding music was provided by Mr. David M. Hill, minister of music of College Hill Church.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the church social hall. Mrs. J. Thomas Ford and Mrs. James R. Ford, Jr., catered the reception. The table was accented with colors of pink and green, reflected in the punch and the wedding cake, and featured in the silk flower arrangement in the center. Silver candelabra also reflected the colors of the table. Mrs. Edward E. Harrup and Mrs. James D. Mawyer, sisters-in-law of the groom, presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Kenneth Fisher, cousin of the bride from Lynchburg, and Miss Rita Garrett of Appomattox, cut and served the wedding cake. Mrs. Steve Carwile, sister of the groom, was in charge of the guest book.

The special photographer for the occasion was James S. Etherington, brother in law of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and of Central Virginia Community College. She is employed in Farmville, Virginia at the Ellington Gas and Oil Co.

The groom is a graduate of Buckingham High School and is associated with Meredith Burda Co. of Lynchburg, Va.

After a brief wedding trip the couple will make their home in Appomattox.

Miss Fore to wed Mr. Wood

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwin Fore, Jr., of Farmville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Hope, to Wayne Hannon Wood, Jr., son of Mrs. Elnora Stubbs, of Evington, and Mr. Wood, of Lynchburg.

The wedding will take place in February.

National Family Week

Everyone is so busy. Our lives are filled to overflowing with our jobs, the clubs we belong to, socializing, going places, doing things and the things that have to be done at home.

But stop to think. How often is your whole family involved in these activities? How much time does your family spend together? Often we are all so busy we don't even eat our meals together anymore.

This week stop and re-evaluate your family life. If it's not what you would like it to be, do something about it. You can enjoy a more fulfilling family life but you have to make the effort.

During National Family Week the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club wants to encourage all families to spend more quality time together-"Family Time". Arrange a time each week when the whole family can get together. You can explore interests, have fun, improve communications, strengthen bonds of love and build family esteem.

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